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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in U.S. general imports of merchandise from $1,906.9 million in June to $1,632.9 million in July[1] [2] reflected decreases in imports of all of the 10 Schedule A commodity sections. The more notable decreases were in imports of food and live animals; mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials; and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material.

Imports of food and live animals decreased from $304.1 million in June to $224.3 million in July, due to decreases in imports of coffee from $89.6 to $59.3 million; sugar, from $42.9 to $21.9 million; fruits, nuts, and vegetables, except oil nuts, from $39.0 to $30.6 million; and fish, including shellfish and preparations, from $46.8 to $40.8 million. Decreases in imports of crude petroleum, from $127.3 to $79.0 million; and fuel oil, from $60.3 to $50.5 million, were the primary causes of the decrease in imports of mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials, from $214.4 to $149.5 million. The decrease in imports of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material, from $526.5 to $466.6 million, was largely the result of decreases in imports of copper and alloys, from $44.5 to $26.5 million; wire rods, bars, structurals, and piling, from $43.1 to $34.4 million; standard newsprint paper, from $72.4 to $64.4 million; and aluminum and alloys from $30.7 to $24.7 million. These decreases were slightly offset however, by an increase in imports of gem diamonds from $22.1 to $31.6 million.

Imports of machinery and transport equipment fell from $247.8 to $225.3 million, due largely to lower levels of imports of new passenger cars, from $54.6 to $48.4 million; radio, television, and other telecommunications equipment, from $25.2 to $19.2 million; and machinery other than electric, from $94.2 to $88.6 million. Decreases in imports of iron ore and concentrates, from $51.8 to $45.5 million; and wood pulp, from $36.4 to $31.1 million, were the primary causes of the decrease in imports of inedible crude materials, except fuels from $272.4 to $253.6 million.

Chemicals fell from $64.7 to $53.3 million, due in part to a decrease in imports of organic chemicals from $16.2 to $11.9 million. Imports of animal and vegetable oils and fats decreased slightly, from $8.3 to $7.5 million. A decrease in imports of alcoholic beverages, from $30.4 to $25.2 million, which was largely offset by an increase in imports of unmanufactured tobacco, from $2.4 to $6.9 million, accounted for the minor drop in imports of beverages and tobacco, from $33.3 to $32.6 million.

Imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles decreased from $169.0 to $158.5 million. Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind fell slightly from $66.6 to $61.8 million.

[1] On a seasonally adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,669.8 million in July as compared to $1,834.8 million in June. (See the July 1965 issue of Report FT 900-I.)

[2] The July total did not include merchandise arriving but not unloaded because of the maritime strike which involved some U.S. vessels. The best available estimates indicate that merchandise thus excluded from the statistics since June 15, when the strike began, may have a value of up to $150 million. Also, a tightening-up of customs statistical verification procedures, effective July 1, results in the receipt of a small percent of each month's entries at the Census Bureau after the close-out date for that month's statistics. While this also created a minor undercounting for July (and, by a lesser percent, for any cumulative total which includes July) it would not significantly affect the estimate of undercounting based on the strike alone. Future individual months' totals should not be particularly affected, since the carry-overs after the introductory month, will be roughly compensating.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from intransit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: Effective July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all shipments valued $251 and over (over 98 percent of the total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of all formal and informal entry shipments valued under $251 from commodity statistics. Prior to July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities were based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of the total import value) and thus subject to some error due to the omission from commodity statistics of all informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $251) and under $100 formal entry shipments. The statistics in this report are also subject some error from such sources as the carryover of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES JULY 1965 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. General imports are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouse. Imports for consumption are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for domestic consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1965 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1964 include all revisions published with December 1964 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1965. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1965			1964		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
PART I--Summary Totals						
Total general imports of merchandise....value..	1,632.9	1,906.9	11,735.5	1,610.7	1,593.7	10,592.3
Total imports of merchandise for consumption.....value..	1,635.5	1,878.0	11,679.7	1,613.4	1,575.0	10,523.5
Free.....value..	548.5	653.8	4,144.9	587.7	583.8	4,018.2
Dutiable.....value..	1,087.0	1,224.2	7,534.8	1,025.7	991.2	6,505.3
PART II--General Imports of Merchandise, by Selected Schedule A Commodity Groupings and Principal Commodities						
Food and live animals.....value..	224.3	304.1	1,816.4	268.8	274.0	1,977.2
Cattle (except for breeding).....value..	5.6	6.0	32.5	0.9	0.8	19.6
Meat and preparations.....1,000 lb..	92,635	82,173	544,165	74,176	126,881	653,987
value..	36.4	34.1	220.6	30.1	46.2	244.7
Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen...1,000 lb..	64,465	49,313	360,587	48,810	104,305	493,183
value..	20.9	16.4	118.1	15.6	33.7	156.0
Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen.....1,000 lb..	53,493	38,296	291,780	40,493	90,717	412,335
value..	17.2	12.6	96.1	13.1	29.8	133.3
Other meat, canned, dried, etc...1,000 lb..	28,170	32,860	183,577	25,366	22,575	160,804
value..	15.5	17.7	102.5	14.5	12.5	88.7
Dairy products and eggs.....value..	2.7	3.8	23.9	2.2	3.4	22.5
Fish, including shellfish, and preparations.....value..	40.8	46.8	261.8	37.2	36.1	232.6
Fish, fresh, frozen, dried, salted, etc.....value..	34.7	37.0	214.3	29.6	29.3	190.3
Fish, canned and prepared.....1,000 lb..	11,861	20,784	96,131	15,598	13,123	89,428
value..	6.2	9.8	47.5	7.7	6.8	42.3
Grains and animal feeds.....value..	7.4	10.5	58.9	8.3	10.1	71.4
Fruits, nuts, and vegetables, except oil nuts.....value..	30.6	39.0	292.0	29.2	35.2	245.6
Fruit, fresh; edible nuts, fresh and dried, except oil nuts.....value..	18.7	22.9	153.7	19.4	21.4	121.7
Bananas, fresh.....1,000,000 lb..	250	318	2,078	280	288	2,045
value..	11.8	14.7	95.7	12.1	11.8	63.4
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	58	84	414	41	50	343
value..	8.6	13.2	70.7	8.5	10.3	77.1
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	160	242	1,383	205	178	1,769
value..	59.3	89.6	529.6	84.3	72.8	679.6
Tea and mate'.....1,000 lb..	6,374	11,035	71,362	10,399	10,411	80,208
value..	2.7	4.8	31.2	4.4	4.8	35.6
Sugar, cane or beet.....1,000,000 lb..	372	755	3,674	756	597	3,382
value..	21.9	42.9	206.9	49.7	38.9	244.8
Beverages and tobacco.....value..	32.6	33.3	296.1	30.9	34.8	271.3
Alcoholic beverages (whiskey, beer, wine, etc.).....value..	25.2	30.4	192.0	27.4	29.8	183.5
Whiskey and other distilled spirits.....1,000 PFG..	3,557	4,175	26,463	3,816	4,002	24,980
value..	20.0	22.9	149.2	20.4	22.4	140.4
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	12,463	4,077	154,781	6,851	11,323	122,290
value..	6.9	2.4	100.6	2.8	4.4	84.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....value..	253.6	272.4	1,711.9	258.3	249.8	1,616.4
Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins.....value..	7.7	6.3	51.1	8.4	8.2	54.3
Fur skins, undressed.....value..	5.8	7.1	74.7	4.3	6.4	72.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1965			1964		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels--Continued						
Oilseeds, oil nuts, oil kernels (copra, etc.).....value..	4.5	4.7	34.7	4.1	2.9	24.6
Crude (natural) rubber, excluding chlorinated.....1,000,000 lb..	70	96	562	92	71	571
value..	13.0	17.3	106.9	17.5	14.1	118.8
Lumber (sawmill products).....value..	36.0	36.4	211.6	38.1	40.4	219.3
Paper base stocks (wood pulp, pulpwood, etc.).....value..	33.5	38.1	238.6	31.1	32.9	218.9
Wood pulp.....1,000 s. ton..	244	288	1,773	227	253	1,653
value..	31.1	36.4	225.5	28.5	31.7	207.1
Textile fibers and waste.....value..	36.1	36.1	254.0	32.7	28.1	257.2
Cotton, raw, excluding linters and waste.....1,000 lb..	10,577	2,110	29,714	7,081	1,138	33,095
value..	4.1	0.8	11.2	2.9	0.3	11.7
Wool and other animal hair (except on the skin).....value..	21.9	23.6	166.5	18.9	16.8	160.8
Wool, unmanufactured, (except on the skin)[2] [3].....One mil. lb. clean yield..	24	25	164	17	13	132
One mil. lb. actual yield..	31	33	222	22	17	173
value..	17.2	17.9	131.0	14.3	12.1	122.8
Jute and other vegetable fibers.....value..	2.4	3.3	21.0	3.5	3.7	28.4
Industrial diamonds and other natural abrasives.....value..	5.3	4.3	33.8	5.1	6.8	36.9
Crude minerals, n.e.s. (asbestos, quartz, mica, fluorspar, etc.).....value..	9.7	10.4	68.9	11.6	10.9	71.7
Metal ores, concentrates, and scrap...value..	84.6	90.9	502.9	85.6	82.6	418.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	4,505	5,106	24,737	5,070	4,752	24,052
value..	45.5	51.8	242.1	50.9	47.2	207.1
Nonferrous base-metal ores and concentrates[3] [4].....value..	34.5	31.3	216.4	31.5	31.0	190.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials ..value..	149.5	214.4	1,296.5	173.5	170.2	1,194.3
Petroleum and products.....value..	142.8	205.9	1,222.6	166.8	161.2	1,122.6
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	35,228	58,286	292,449	44,970	44,230	280,814
value..	79.0	127.3	653.1	100.4	97.2	633.4
Petroleum products (including partly refined).....value..	63.8	78.5	569.5	66.3	64.0	489.2
Fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	24,129	28,808	228,466	25,818	24,563	197,240
value..	50.5	60.3	475.4	53.9	50.9	410.5
Gas, natural and manufactured (propane, butane, etc.).....value..	5.6	6.9	62.6	5.7	7.4	60.0
Animal and vegetable oils and fats .....value..	7.5	8.3	73.6	10.3	9.5	68.9
Coconut oil.....1,000 lb..	13,535	18,409	258,614	35,408	36,446	260,898
value..	2.1	2.8	34.8	4.3	4.3	30.7
Chemicals .....value..	53.3	64.7	422.4	53.5	59.6	413.7
Chemical elements and compounds.....value..	23.8	33.7	204.9	30.0	32.6	223.6
Organic chemicals.....value..	11.9	16.2	86.2	10.8	11.6	76.9
Uranium oxide.....1,000 lb..	-	429	3,287	597	857	6,751
value..	-	4.1	32.1	5.9	7.9	64.3
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	5.4	4.5	28.5	3.6	3.3	25.2
Fertilizers, manufactured[3].....value..	5.8	7.0	68.4	4.5	7.0	63.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material .....value..	466.6	526.5	3,111.0	401.1	409.0	2,581.1
Leather.....value..	5.2	6.0	35.7	4.4	4.4	29.6
Plywood, veneers, and other wood, worked.....value..	15.8	17.6	107.5	17.4	18.4	108.6
Paper and paperboard and manufactures.....value..	70.7	80.0	486.9	71.9	71.3	460.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1965			1964		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material--Continued						
Paper and paperboard.....value..	69.3	78.4	478.0	70.0	69.5	451.2
Standard newsprint paper..1,000 s. ton..	518	581	3,520	515	511	3,297
value..	64.4	72.4	440.6	64.8	65.0	418.3
Textiles, excluding fibers and apparel.....value..	59.0	72.0	456.4	55.0	62.7	396.3
Yarn and thread.....1,000 lb..	4,623	4,925	33,950	3,885	3,509	31,049
value..	4.6	5.3	33.1	5.1	4.5	31.4
Cotton fabrics, woven (excluding narrow or special fabrics).....value..	11.6	12.9	81.8	9.8	10.4	59.5
Other woven fabrics (jute, wool, synthetic, silk, etc.).....value..	31.5	38.3	233.2	26.8	32.0	196.1
Fabric, wholly of jute, woven....value..	14.7	17.7	104.9	10.8	16.5	93.6
Woolen and worsted fabrics, woven.....1,000 sq. yd..	4,282	6,335	36,874	3,945	4,501	28,891
value..	7.3	10.6	62.1	6.6	7.4	48.5
Glass, glassware, pottery and china..value..	12.4	14.3	92.9	15.5	14.0	91.3
Gem diamonds.....1,000 carats..	375	220	1,758	292	309	1,620
value..	31.6	22.1	164.9	27.0	28.1	154.0
Iron and steel (including pig iron and ferroalloys).....value..	123.0	138.4	715.9	68.9	76.3	437.2
Iron and steel mill products.....value..	115.9	130.5	665.5	64.6	65.8	399.8
Wire rods, bars (including reinforcing), structurals, and piling.....1,000,000 lb..	723	904	4,680	522	533	3,234
value..	34.4	43.1	224.3	24.6	24.7	148.8
Universals, plates and sheets.....1,000,000 lb..	1,025	1,034	4,856	286	283	1,699
value..	54.1	57.8	269.9	16.7	16.7	101.2
Tubes, pipes and fittings.....1,000,000 lb..	195	215	1,185	163	168	1,003
value..	13.9	15.8	86.0	12.3	12.7	75.4
Nonferrous metals (excluding ores and scrap)[3] [5].....value..	97.5	117.6	682.1	88.7	84.4	585.0
Precious metals (mainly platinum)..value..	4.9	3.9	36.1	2.6	6.1	32.8
Copper and alloys - blister, refined, and mill shapes[3].....value..	26.5	44.5	230.0	35.2	31.3	218.1
Nickel and alloys - pigs and ingots, and mill shapes[3]...1,000,000 lb..	21	23	155	15	14	120
value..	16.5	16.7	114.1	11.4	10.8	89.6
Aluminum and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	24.7	30.7	147.1	20.5	18.9	124.4
Tin and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	10.4	12.0	76.9	9.0	7.7	54.8
Metal manufactures, n.e.s.....value..	28.4	32.6	209.5	29.5	27.1	174.6
Machinery and transport equipment.....value..	225.3	247.8	1,571.0	201.6	193.5	1,258.8
Machinery, total.....value..	130.7	145.5	932.9	119.0	110.7	711.8
Machinery, other than electric.....value..	88.6	94.2	619.8	80.9	74.9	482.8
Power generating machinery, non-electric (including engines)....value..	17.4	15.4	109.3	10.7	12.0	74.1
Tractors and agricultural machinery.....value..	18.2	19.3	125.3	19.1	16.1	113.1
Agricultural-type tractors (excluding parts and accessories)[6].....value..	0.8	1.0	6.3	1.2	1.3	11.3
Other tractors (contractors', truck tractors, etc.) and parts.....value..	1.6	2.5	14.1	1.0	0.8	5.7
Office machinery and computers...value..	10.6	11.2	75.3	9.1	9.1	57.8
Typewriters and parts.....value..	3.2	3.9	25.5	3.3	3.2	20.8
Metalworking machines (and machine tools).....value..	4.8	4.4	31.8	3.9	2.8	22.1
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	9.2	14.0	82.8	12.7	11.8	69.0
Other nonelectric machinery.....value..	28.4	29.9	195.3	25.3	23.1	146.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1965			1964		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Machinery and transport equipment--Continued						
Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances.....value..	42.1	51.3	313.1	38.1	35.9	228.9
Radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment.....value..	19.2	25.2	144.6	18.5	17.1	113.5
Radio receiving sets.....number..	1,046,960	1,492,080	8,114,993	1,248,613	1,127,923	6,963,681
value..	6.8	9.2	52.5	8.5	7.6	46.6
Television receiving sets.....number..	65,372	69,220	495,516	59,075	45,924	315,362
value..	3.7	4.1	27.3	3.5	2.9	17.3
Transport equipment.....value..	94.6	102.2	638.1	82.6	82.8	547.0
Automobiles, busses, and trucks (including special purpose vehicles).....value..	50.3	56.5	374.2	52.5	55.6	362.4
Passenger cars, new.....value..	48.4	54.6	356.1	50.2	53.0	341.5
Parts (excluding engines, tires, and electrical) for automobiles, busses, trucks, and special purpose vehicles.....value..	7.8	8.6	51.4	6.0	6.4	41.8
Parts for agricultural tractors....value..	4.5	4.7	29.4	0.7	1.8	13.1
Motorcycles (and motor scooters) and parts.....value..	17.4	13.4	74.8	7.7	6.5	44.6
Aircraft and parts - civilian and military (parts exclude tires, engines, and electrical).....value..	9.8	13.5	75.1	8.9	6.3	49.2
Miscelloneous manufactured articles.....value..	158.5	169.0	1,042.8	162.2	141.6	873.7
Clothing (excluding footwear).....value..	50.3	50.4	278.6	52.1	41.0	229.9
Footwear - rubber, leather, and other.....1,000 pr..	12,655	17,144	116,240	13,278	13,124	96,950
value..	12.0	12.2	91.0	13.4	10.8	76.6
Scientific, medical, optical, photographic, measuring and controlling instruments.....value..	14.9	13.9	97.5	14.9	13.1	80.9
Watches, clocks and parts.....value..	8.2	8.6	50.6	7.5	8.0	44.2
Musical instruments and parts, including phonographs, tape recorders, phonograph records, etc.....value..	11.4	12.5	76.8	9.8	9.9	61.1
Printed matter.....value..	5.1	5.5	40.2	6.5	5.2	37.9
Toys, sporting goods and amusement equipment.....value..	13.0	16.5	80.7	13.2	13.4	71.5
Artworks, collectors' items and antiques.....value..	10.1	9.1	77.8	8.9	6.1	60.4
Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.....value..	61.8	66.6	393.9	50.5	51.7	336.9
U.S. goods returned.....value..	34.1	45.1	245.4	30.0	35.4	213.9
Low-value shipments[7].....value..	22.6	15.3	112.9	17.6	12.8	101.1
PART III--Other Selected Summary Commodity Groupings - (Consolidation of items dispersed among two or more Schedule A Sections of Part II)						
Wool, unmanufactured (including on the skin)[8]..value..	18.1	19.3	141.8	15.2	13.5	134.1
Fertilizers, crude and manufactured.....value..	6.1	7.2	70.3	4.6	7.3	65.6
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap[4,5].....value..	136.1	155.7	938.0	122.8	118.7	791.6
Copper and alloys.....value..	28.6	48.7	252.4	36.1	34.5	233.0
Bauxite, crude, refined (alumina), and calcined.....value..	14.1	11.6	85.0	15.6	14.4	88.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1965			1964		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap--Continued						
Aluminum and alloys.....value..	25.3	32.6	150.9	20.6	19.1	125.7
Nickel and alloys, including nickel oxide.....value..	16.6	16.8	114.6	11.4	10.9	90.5
Tin and alloys.....value..	10.4	13.0	84.0	10.3	8.4	61.4
Manganese and chromium ore and metal (excluding ferroalloyed forms)[4] [5]....value..	7.5	7.2	48.7	7.3	6.4	39.2

- Represents zero.
Z Indicates less than $50,000.

[1]Based on the commodity classifications listed in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States, as published in the special Census Bureau publication entitled "Changes in Presentation of U.S. Import Statistics Effective 1964." A "Supplement" to Report FT 930-I showing the coverage for the individual commodity totals in terms of the Schedule A classifications is available on request.

[2]Excludes, also, wool-like hair of other animals (see footnote 8) whether on or off the skin. Wool and wool-like animal hair on the skin are included under "Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins;" cashmere goat-hair is included with "Fur skins, undressed." All unmanufactured wool and wool-like animal hair, whether on or off the skin, are combined in Part III of this table under the summary grouping "Wool unmanufactured (including on the skin)." See footnote 8.

[3]Consolidated in Part III of this table with similar commodities, dispersed among one or more other Schedule A commodity sections in Part II, and shown under appropriate descriptive headings.

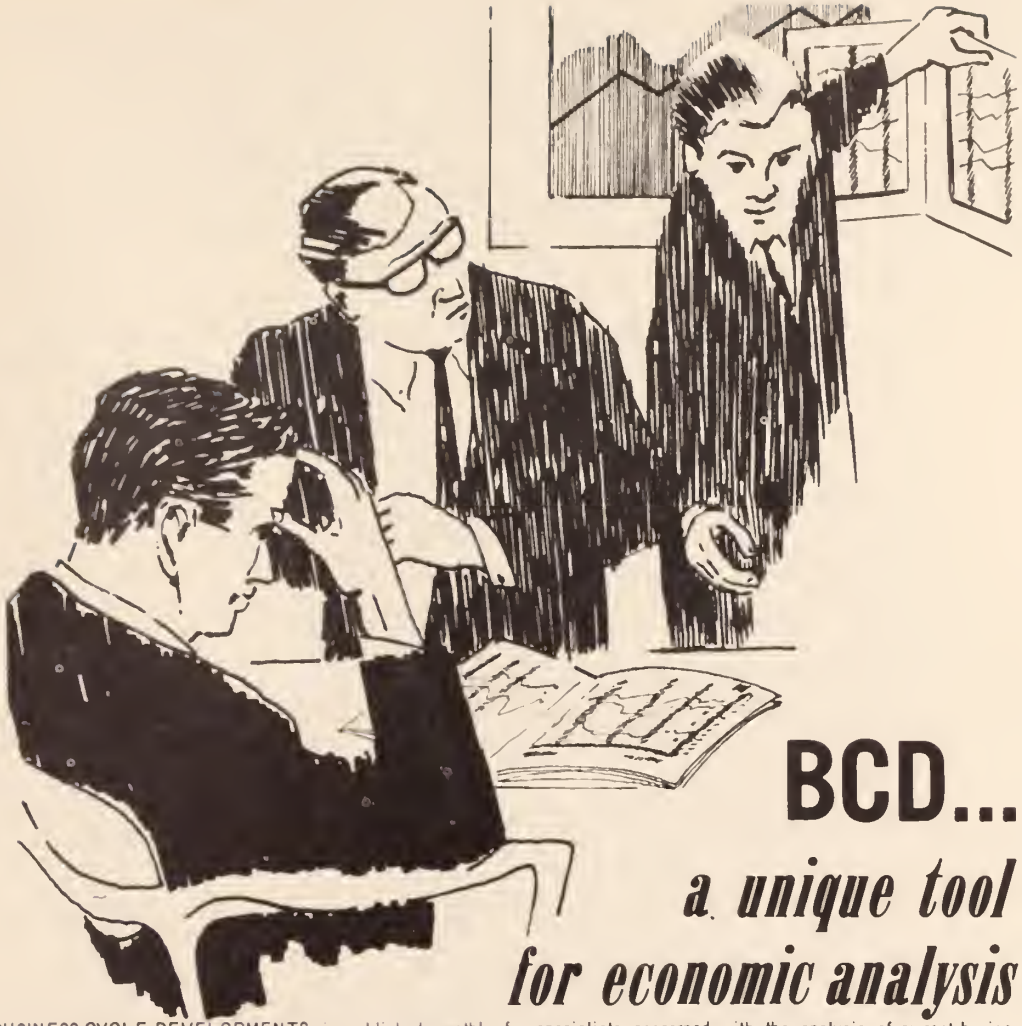
[4]Includes ores of base-metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials: manganese, chromium, tungsten, titanium, molybdenum, vanadium, zirconium, etc.

[5]Includes base metals customarily used as ferroallaying materials but not yet processed into ferroalloys. (See footnote 4, above.)

[6]Parts and accessories for agricultural tractors are shown under "Transport equipment."

[7]Effective July 1965, represents estimated values for formal and informal import entries valued $250 or less. Prior to July 1965, represented estimated values for formal import entries valued at less than $100 and informal entries valued $250 or less.

[8]Includes carbonized wool and wool-like hair of other animals, on or off the skin-e.g. camels hair, alpaca, cashmere, vicuna, angora, etc.



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